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SUBJECT: THOMAS D. LOBE

REF: LA PAZ 8070

1. SUBJECT IS A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROFESSOR WHO HAS A ONE YEAR RESEARCH GRANT TO EXAMINE BROAD ASPECTS OF U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS. AT TIME OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO DEPARTMENT, HE HAD ONLY VAGUE NOTION OF FOCUS OF HIS FUTURE RESEARCH BUT WAS INCLINED TO EXAMINE VARIOUS LINKAGES, SUCH AS ARMS TRANSFERS AND TRAINING, BETWEEN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY AND THEIR IMPACT IN TERMS OF INFLUENCE AND OVERALL RELATIONS.

2. LOBE IS PERSONALLY AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHO MET HIM IN THAILAND WHEN HE WAS WORKING ON HIS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION ON AID'S PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM. HE IS CONSIDERED BALANCED IN HIS VIEWS, DISCREET, TACTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE.

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3. HIS FIRM ITINERARY WAS NOT KNOWN WHEN HE LEFT WASHINGTON
BUT HE EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN DOING RESEARCH IN CHILE,
PERU, AND PARAGUAY IN ADDITION TO BOLIVIA. INGERSOLL

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